

**REMARKS**

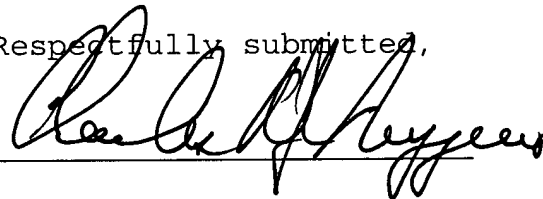
Claims 1, 4 to 6, 8, 11 to 30, and 32 remain pending.  
Claims 4, 5, and 14 to 30 remain withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4 to 6, 8, 11 to 30, and 32 have been made subject to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicants are required to elect one of the vehicles in claim 1.

Applicants hereby elect fatty alcohols.

Reconsideration of claims 1, 4 to 6, 8, 11 to 30, and 32 is deemed warranted in view of the foregoing, and allowance of said claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. J. Ruggiero", is written over a horizontal line.

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